

# OFFICIAL REPORTS



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## STATE MEETINGS

OHIO.—The Ohio State Association of Graduate Nurses will hold its third annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, on the third Tuesday in October. Headquarters will be at the Assembly Hall of the Nurses' Home at the Miami Valley Hospital. Delegates will be met at the station by the reception committee, and full information as to hotel rates given. The first session will convene at 3 P. M. All graduate nurses in the state are cordially invited to be present. An interesting programme is arranged for.

ELIZABETH MASON HARTSOCK,  
Secretary.

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NORTH CAROLINA.—The annual meetings of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association were held in Charlotte, May 31 and June 1.

The first session was called to order by Miss M. L. Wyche, president of the association, in the large reception room of Carnegie Library.

The Rev. M. D. Hardin, D.D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, delivered the invocation.

Dr. C. A. Misenheimer, physician to Elizabeth College, gave the address of welcome, speaking in very high terms of the value of trained nurses to the physician, recognizing them as fellow-workers, and only regretting that in this state they are so soon lost to the general community after graduating by reason of entering the bonds of matrimony.

The address of welcome was responded to by Miss Lackland and Miss Eaton.

Dr. Hays, of Oxford, gave a very delightful little address, paying a warm tribute to nurses as one who had worked with them in hospitals.

Miss Wyche delivered the annual address from the chair, referring to the advantages of belonging to the Associated Alumnae, and of the need for still working for a preliminary course for nurses in schools and colleges.

The rest of the session was filled up with the roll-call, reports of directors and treasurer, and appointment of nominating committee for directors and examiners.

The afternoon was left free to allow the nurses to attend the meeting of the State Medical Association.

In the evening the members of the association and their guests, Miss Annie Damer and Miss L. L. Rogers, both of New York City, by the courtesy of Mr. E. D. Latta enjoyed a refreshing trolley-ride through the city and its environs. Later in the evening a reception and supper were given by the gentlemen of the Manufacturers' Club in their beautiful rooms.

Friday morning was partly occupied with reports of board of the examiners, of committees, and admission of new members.

Then ensued a very interesting discussion, led by Miss Lackland, on the Nursing Act as it now stands. The result of the discussion was the carrying of a motion that the bill be revised, and a revision committee was appointed.

During the past year a code of ethics for the association was drawn up by Miss Allen, of Morganton, Miss Lackland and Miss McNichols, of Charlotte, and Mrs. E. L. Jones, Winston-Salem. This was read by Miss Allen and accepted by the association.

At the afternoon session very interesting papers were read on "District Nursing," by Miss Allen, of Morganton; "Nursing in Pneumonia," Miss May Williams; and "What State Registration should mean to Nurses," Miss Lackland, superintendent of St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte.

Mrs. Pratt, Charlotte, and Miss Damer, New York, also gave very interesting papers.

The meeting closed with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

A public meeting was held Friday evening in the auditorium of the Presbyterian College, ably presided over by Mr. C. W. Tillett. Addresses were delivered by Dr. John Irwin and Mr. D. A. Tompkins. The brilliant wit of the chairman, the cheerful, warm-hearted words of Mr. Tompkins, and the eloquence of Dr. Irwin went far towards making this one of the most delightful meetings ever enjoyed by the association.

Addresses of deep interest on "Out-door Tubercular Nursing Among the Poor," by Miss Annie Damer, nurse in charge of that work, Bellevue Hospital, New York City; and "The Nurses' Work in the Medical Inspection of Public Schools," by Miss L. L. Rogers, nurse in charge of Public School Nursing, New York City, made a profound impression on many of the nurses, who know little or nothing of work in a large metropolis.

Dr. Annie Alexander, Charlotte, also gave a capital paper on "Woman's Work as an Improver of Civic Conditions."

This closed the fourth annual gathering of the association. There had been a decided increase in the number of members and in the attendance at the meetings, and great interest was shown throughout in the subjects of vital importance.

The graduate nurses and people of Charlotte extended the heartiest welcome to the association, entertaining the members in their homes and doing everything in their power to make the meetings eminently successful.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Miss M. L. Wyche, R.N., Durham; first vice-president, Miss McNichols, R.N., Charlotte; second vice-president, Miss Lackland, R.N., Charlotte; secretary, Miss Edith Eaton, R.N., Wilmington; treasurer, Miss Hester Evans, R.N., Asheville; Miss Batterham, R.N., Asheville; and Miss Dunn, R.N., Raleigh.

Committee for revising registration bill—Miss Wyche, Miss Lackland, Miss McNichols, and Miss Batterham; Miss Eaton, chairman.

Advisory board to revision committee: Mr. Tillett, Charlotte; Dr. Richard Lewis, Raleigh; and Dr. Hays, Oxford.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Morehead City next Spring.

EDITH EATON,  
Secretary.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—Owing to the ill-health of Miss M. Margaret Whitaker, of Philadelphia, the Graduate Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania have been obliged to accept her resignation from the office of president.

Miss M. J. Weir, of the Braddock Hospital, Braddock, Penna., who is the first vice-president, will act as president until the October meeting.

LOTTIE M. LEWIS,  
Secretary.

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IOWA.—The third annual convention of the Iowa State Association of Graduate Nurses was held in Des Moines, June 12 and 13. A very interesting programme and a most pleasant social time was enjoyed by all those present. Twenty-seven new members and the Blackhawk County Association were admitted. A bill for state registration for nurses will again be presented at the next session of the Legislature. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Estella Campbell, Des Moines, Iowa; first vice-president, Miss Grace E. Baker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; second vice-president, Miss Anna Sanders, Grinnell, Iowa; secretary, Miss Marie Stotz, Dubuque, Iowa; treasurer, Miss Dora Metcalf, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; auditor, Miss Sherrick, Ottumwa, Iowa.

The next meeting will be held at Ottumwa, the first Tuesday and Wednesday in June, 1907.

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VIRGINIA.—The Virginia Examining Board for nurses met in Petersburg and conducted the semi-annual examination. Twenty-one out of thirty-two applicants reported punctually and took the examinations. The next examination will be held in December, 1906; place of meeting will be announced later.

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COLORADO.—Miss Maud McClaskie, superintendent of nurses at the Pueblo Hospital and a graduate of the Farrand Training-school for Nurses connected with Harper Hospital, Detroit, has received the five-year appointment on the State Board of Nurse Examiners to fill the expired term of Miss N. Clingan.

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COLORADO.—The State Board of Nurse Examiners held a three-days' session on July 18, 19 and 20. Two nurses passed the first examination given by the board. The theoretical part took place at the State capital, while the practical was held at, the City and County Hospital. The Board had the pleasure of meeting Miss A. L. Alline on July 19. The next meeting will be held October 17, 1906.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual meeting and election of officers of The Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania will be held at Philadelphia on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—October 17th, 18th, and 19th. The place of meeting will be announced in the October number of *The American Journal of Nursing*. Membership cards *must be presented* for admission to all executive sessions.

MAUDE W. MILLER, Assistant Secretary.

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CALIFORNIA.—The California State Nurses Association met in Los Angeles, August 7, and 8. The attendance was not as large as was expected but the enthusiasm was great, and the meeting gave new impetus to nursing affairs in Southern California. There was a splendid delegation from San Francisco of the women who

had done so much for the State work and later had led the relief work for nurses in San Francisco. The next meeting will be held in Oakland.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco County Nurses' Association held a meeting at San Francisco on June 5, this being the first reunion after the fire. As many of the members had been unable to locate each other before, it was an occasion of great rejoicing.

Miss Therese Earl McCarthy was elected president, Miss Mary L. Sweeney secretary. It was reported that the emergency directory, opened at the time of the calamity, had proven a success and it was formally voted to make this a permanent directory, in conjunction with the home for the burned-out nurses, this directory and club-house to be entirely under the auspices of the County Association. Miss Sweeney was made the manager of the directory and club. It was also voted that part of the relief fund should be used to assist nurses in securing work. It was shown that nurses were getting established again and gradually becoming able to pay for all that they received. A relief committee, consisting of fifteen members, with Dr. Helen Parker Criswell as chairman, was appointed. This committee has since done splendid work. About \$4500 has been received from the nurses in different sections of the country (to August 4). The sympathy expressed in such a practical manner has been deeply felt and appreciated by the San Francisco nurses. Thirty-six delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the California State Association at Los Angeles, on August 6, 7 and 8.

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MICHIGAN.—The executive committee of the Michigan State Nurses' Association met at Lansing August 1. Thirty-one applications for membership were presented. The association has become affiliated with the state federation of women's clubs, and is to send a delegate to the annual meeting to be held at Benton Harbor, October 15-17. Miss Sarah E. Sly is to be the delegate. Through this coöperation it is hoped that skilled nursing service in the almshouse of the state will be provided. It was decided to take steps to raise funds for the San Francisco nurses. The Michigan Association will continue its efforts to raise funds for the Hospital Economics course. The bill for registration to be presented at the next legislature was carefully revised. The state is to be divided into districts, under the general supervision of Miss Sly, and a most vigorous campaign is planned. There was a very full attendance at this meeting.

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#### REGULAR MEETINGS.

TOLEDO, OHIO.—The Toledo Graduate Nurses' Association held their regular May meeting, a Mothers' Meeting, at the Nurses' Home, Toledo Hospital, May 22. Several short papers were given. The following were some of the subjects discussed: "The Care of Babies' Eyes," by Dr. Snyder, specialist; "Emergencies," by Miss Jordan; "Pure Food and Air," by Miss Cotton; and "The General Care of Children," by Miss Roach.

The object of these meetings is to give to mothers some practical information about the care of children and to add to their knowledge by discussing different methods. Light refreshments were served.